## ENDLESS **OPPORTUNITIES**

# COLUMBIA COUNTY GEORGIA RON CROSS

## **CYBER** AND COLUMBIA COUNTY

Last month we reviewed the history of the CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon and the birth of the Fort Gordon Cyber District. Executive Director Dr. Tom Clark and consultant GB Cazes gave us an excellent summary of the vast world of cyber and how the center of cyber attention is located in our very own front yard. This month they will review the efforts of the Alliance in Education presentations and the opportunities available for Columbia County students.

In conjunction with workforce development the Alliance is promoting the advancement of cyber education through-

out the region, starting with K12 programs. Understanding the budget constraints within the education system, the Alliance has introduced low to no cost programs aimed at training our regions



students and educators, preparing for future technology careers. The Alliance's approach has made an immediate impact throughout the Cyber District. Introducing a unique educational approach and curriculum from the National Integrated Cyber Education and Research Center, the Alliance has become the leading organization in delivering cyber education to our future cyber experts.

Through its efforts, the Alliance has been able to coordinate over one thousand two hundred free professional development hours to over two hundred educators in the Cyber District, with an additional two hundred educators scheduled in February. In addition to professional development, NICERC and the Alliance have provided over \$5,000 in materials to foster programs within the District. These materials include Arduino robots and other materials to support hands on projects associated with the NICERC curriculum.

The week of June 4, 2018, the Fort Gordon Cyber District will host NICERC's national annual conference, Education Discovery Forum. This event is expected to host over three hundred educators from across the nation, further promoting the Fort Gordon Cyber District as the next cyber hub in the nation.

moted Cyber Patriot, a cybersecurity program created by the Air Force Association (AFA) to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. Last school year the CSRA was home to eight teams, this year, through the efforts of the Alliance to generate awareness and promote this program, the Fort Gordon Cyber District is home to over eighty teams, making up approximately 60% of the total Cyber Patriot teams in the State of GA.

In addition to the K12 NICERC program, the Alliance pro-

The Cyber District is home to many first, second and third place teams within the State. Columbia County schools have been very successful with the following schools placing in competition: **High School Open Division**, Greenbrier, 2nd Place Platinum Division; Lakeside, 1st Place Gold Tier; Greenbrier, 3rd Place Gold Tier; Evans, 1st Place Silver Tier; Evans, 2nd Place Silver Tier. **All Services Division** (JRTOC/ROTC), Greenbrier NJROTC, 3rd Place Platinum. **Middle School Division**, Greenbrier, 2nd Place; Evans, 3rd Place.

As the Alliance continues to promote educational efforts throughout the region, local industry has become more involved. Firms such as Unisys have provided mentors and coaches for Cyber Patriot teams, providing after hours support to ensure our students have the necessary support required to compete in state and national competition. In addition, multiple Fort Gordon Brigades are providing mentorship to coaches and students through their Adopt-A-School program.

The Alliance for Fort Gordon serves as the catalyst for the Fort Gordon Cyber District to become a nationally recognized cyber center of excellence. The Alliance is proud to collaborate with local, state and federal public partners as

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well as our private partners in the areas of economic development, academia, cyber security and local commerce. Through these partnerships the Alliance promotes the Fort Gordon Cyber District brand and inspires the building of the cyber related eco system focused on cyber work force, innovation, STEM education and high-tech capabilities throughout our region and states. At our core is a best-inclass relationship between the Alliance, Fort Gordon and our region. This is largely attributable to the fact that we are a stand-alone organization with this focus as its primary mission. Our efforts center on ensuring the success of the

critical missions at Fort Gordon knowing the increased importance of this military installation to our Nation's security. By 2020, the Fort Gordon Cyber District will be nationally recognized destination for cyber work, life and play.

As was stated in last month's article, the CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon and the Fort Gordon Cyber District are supported totally by tax deductible donations. If you would like to assist either group, please contact the office of Dr. Tom Clark at 706.821.1312. Their work is very important to the security of our nation and the future of Columbia County.



### SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT INFORMATION

A stormwater credit is a reduction in the monthly stormwater utility service fee. The overall goal of the County is to give a credit to property owners that are reducing the impact of stormwater generated by their property. By reducing the peak discharge of stormwater from their property, through either a retention or detention facility such as a pond, property owners are helping the County protect properties downstream. By complying with the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements, property owners are helping the County improve water quality. Columbia County is offering two types of credits for this assistance: Peak Flow Reduction Credit (also known

as a pond credit) and NPDES Water Quality Credit. The maximum amount of credit available is 50% of the total stormwater utility monthly service fee. For more information about the service charge credits, go to www. columbiacountyga.gov Stormwater department, billing and SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT INFORMATION.

REMINDER: Please remember that previously applied credits expire June 30. Please submit proper inspection documentation to prevent a discontinuation of any credits. If you have any questions, please contact 706.855.7246.



# COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR APRIL-MAY 2018

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS**

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA Tuesday, April 17th, 6:00pm Tuesdays, May 1st and 15th, 6:00pm

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA Tuesday, April 10th, 8:30am

## PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA Tuesday, April 24th, 8:30am

## MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA Tuesday, May 8th, 8:30am

## PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Appling Courthouse, Appling, GA Tuesday, May 22nd, 8:30am

#### **COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Building A Auditorium, 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA Thursday, April 19th, 6:00pm Thursdays May 3rd and 17th, 6:00pm

#### **APRIL 2018**

Date	Time	Program	Branch	Description
Mon through April 16	10 AM-2 PM	AARP Tax Aide	Euchee Ck Library	Free tax preparation assistance. Bring all 2017 tax documents.
Mon, Wed, & Thur	10:15 AM	Two-ddlers Class		
			Evans Library	Join us each week for this fun program to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills!
Mon, Wed, & Thur	11 AM	Preschool Class	Evans Library	Join us each week for this fun program to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills!
Tues, Thur, Sat through April 17	10 AM-2 PM	AARP Tax Aide	Evans Library	Free tax preparation assistance. Bring all 2017 tax documents.
Tues	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	ESL	Evans Library	This class is free and open to adults whose first language is not English. Come and practice your conversational English with us!
Tues	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Harlem Library	Each week we will read stories and do crafts geared to help children fall in love with reading.
Tues	10:30 AM	Baby & Me	Euchee Ck Library	This special class is designed especially for babies under two.
Tues	4:15 PM	Child Enrichment	Euchee Ck Library	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.
Wed	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Euchee Ck Library	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.
Mon, April 2	2 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Harlem Library	Come relax, enjoy and have fun coloring!
Mon, April 2	4-5:30 PM	Young Makers Program	Evans Library	Geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.
Mon, April 2	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Mon, April 2	4:30 PM	Super Novas Club	Euchee Ck Library	Join us to make straw rockets and paper airplanes!
Mon, April 2	5:30 PM	Family Game Night	Evans Library	Join us for games for the whole family. No registration required. Children's classroom.
Tues, April 3	10:30 AM	Teddy Bear Picnic	Evans Library	Bring your favorite plush toy, sack lunch, and blanket to join us for a picnic in the sunshine! Outside, weather permitting. All ages.
Tues, April 3	5:30-7:30 PM	Fiber Arts Craft & Chat	Evans Library	This group is open to all crafters: crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc. Open to people who want to learn as well as those already crafty.
Tues, April 3	10:30 AM	Fort Gordon Wildlife Presentation	Euchee Ck Library	Learn about the wild world around us with the experts from Fort Gordon.
Tues, April 3	5 PM	Evans Library Closes at 5 PM	Evans Library	The Evans Library will close at 5 PM to accomodate Rock Fore Dough crowds.
Tues, April 3	5:30 PM	Teen Crafternoon	Harlem Library	Come out and have fun socializing and making a fun craft! Please call the library at 706-650-5009 to register. Ages 11 and up.
Wed, April 4-Fri, April 6	All Day	Make-It/Take-It Children's Crafts	Euchee Ck Library	Children can pick-up a craft kit to take home and make. While supplies last Ages 2nd grade & below.
Wed, April 4	12-1 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring		
			Evans Library	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.
Wed, April 4	1 PM	Build and Play Café	Evans Library	Drop in and get constructing with a variety of supplies to build, play, and experiment with! Ages 5+. Classroom B/C in lobby.
Thur, April 5	2 PM	Arts & Crafts Buffet	Evans Library	Drop in and choose from crafting materials and art supplies to experiment with and create your own artwork! Dress for a mess. All ages.
Thur, April 5	5 PM	Evans Library Closes at 5 PM	Evans Library	The Evans Library will close at 5 PM to accomodate concert crowds.
Fri, April 6	11 AM	Sensory Class	Evans Library	Interactive stories, games, songs, and activities for children and caregivers of all abilities!. Recommended ages 3+. Registration required
Fri, April 6	5:30 PM	Teen Crafternoon	Harlem Library	Join us for a craft just for teens. Call 706-650-5009 for registration and more information.
Mon, April 9	3 PM	Genealogy Club	Evans Library	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!
Mon, April 9	5:30 PM	Family Movie Night	Euchee Ck Library	Join us for movie fun and light refreshments for the whole family.
Mon, April 9	7 PM	Pub Fiction Book Club	Pizza Central	Laid-back club meets at Pizza Central in Evans. April selection is Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah.
Tues, April 10	4 PM	Teen Guitar Class	Evans Library	Guitar instructions. Up to 6 guitars available for use, cannot be taken home. Ages 11-18. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Tues, April 10	5:30-7:30 PM	Blogging	Evans Library	Ever wanted to run your own blog? Learn how to set up and run your own blog! Best part, the blog is free!
Tues, April 10	6 PM	Young Authors Club	Evans Library	Join us to hear children's author Stacy Roberts discuss the writing and publishing process and Q&A. Grades 1-5. Children's classroom.
Wed, April 11	12 PM	Bookkeeping, Payroll, and Business Financials	Evans Library	A bookkeeping, payroll and business financial seminar is being presented by Tabitha Hollimon, MBA, EA and owner of Avail Bookkeeping and Tax Services.
Wed, April 11	2-4 PM	Fiber Arts Craft & Chat	Euchee Ck Library	This group is open to all crafters: crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc. Open to people who want to learn as well as those already crafty.
Wed, April 11	2:30 PM	Flower Rock Painting	Harlem Library	Come out and enjoy learning to paint spring flowers on rocks. Please call the library at 706-650-5009 to register.
Thur, April 12	10 AM-12 PM	Digital Camera 1: Out of the Box	Evans Library	Learn basics including "What is a Megapixel?" the different types of cameras and memory cards, and the basics of photography.
Thur April 12 & 26	10:30 AM	Crochet Class	Harlem Library	Beginners welcome! Learn a new technique with provided supplies. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 706-650-5009.
Thur April 12 & 26	10:30 AM-3:30 PM	Computer Boot Camp	Evans Library	Are computers a mystery? This two-part class is for you. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.
Thur, April 12	1 PM	Columbia County Gen. Society	Euchee Ck Library	Whether you're an experienced genealogist or just learning to find your roots, this dub has something for everyone.
Thur, April 12	1:30-3:30 PM	Digital Camera 2: Out of the Camera	Evans Library	Importing photos, organizing, printing, basic editing, backing up, and creating collage using Picasa (free photo editing software from Google
Thur, April 12	4 PM	Teen Advisory Board	Evans Library	Help us decide what programs to offer this year while getting volunteer credit.
Thur, April 12	6-8 PM	Adult Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share quitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.
Thur, April 12	7-9 PM	David Joy & Brian Panowich	Evans Library	The writing process and upcoming works of two award-winning Southern fiction authors Reservations at davidandbrian.eventbrite.com
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Fri, April 13	10:30 AM	Yoga Class Minacraft Club	Harlem Library	Come learn the basics of yoga.  Bring your own device or laptop with Minecraft already loaded.
Sat, April 14	11 AM-3 PM	Minecraft Club	Euchee Ck Library	
Mon, April 16 Mon, April 16	4-5:30 PM	Morris Museum Teen Makerspace	Evans Library  Evans Library	Join us for stories & a craft! Ages 3-5.  Teens 13-18 will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.
Mon April 16	6:30 PM	Mon Night Book Discussion	Fyanc Library	Soliware, a 30 scanner, a 30 printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.  The April selection is Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz.
Mon, April 16			Evans Library	
Tues, April 17	5:30 PM	Family Movie Night	Evans Library	Join us for a movie and popcom! The movie for April is The Lego Ninjago Movie. All ages.
T 4 1145	5:30-7:30 PM	Raspberry Pi	Evans Library	Learn basics of buttons and wiring Physical Computing Projects with the Raspberry Pi!
Tues, April 17				
Tues, April 17 Wed April 18 & 25	10 AM-3:30 PM	Computer Boot Camp Parts 1 & 2	Evans Library	Learn the basics of Windows including computer parts, internet safety, saving to USB Flash drive, and basic computer maintenance.
		Computer Boot Camp Parts 1 & 2 Environmental Matters Lunch & Learn Adult Time Out	Evans Library  Evans Library	Learn the basics of Windows including computer parts, internet safety, saving to USB Flash drive, and basic computer maintenance.  County Agent Tripp Williams with valuable tips on turfgrass success! Also lessons by Margaret Alligood on how you can help protect the Columbia County Environmental watershed along with other very interesting water related topics.  Join us for an introduction to drawing. Registration and supplies required.

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Thur, April 19	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	Evans Library	The April seleciton is A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.
Thur, April 19	1:30-3:30 PM	Digital Camera 3: Blemishes Editing and Printing Options	Evans Library	Learn the basics with the free photo editing software called GIMP, as well as printing to gift items and virtual scrapbooks.
Thur, April 19	4-6 PM	Gadget Help with Alex	Evans Library	Drop by during this time to get individual help with your electronic gadgets. First come, first serve; no appointment necessary.
Thur, April 19	4 PM	Harlem Book Club	Harlem Library	Come out and discuss The People vs Alex Cross by James Patterson. Refreshments provided.
Fri, April 20	10 AM-12 PM	Genealogy Class: Land Records	Evans Library	Fundamentals of researching land records including terminology and relevant websites. Registration required. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4.
Fri, April 20	3:30 PM	H2Olympics: "Do your part, be water smart!"	Evans Library	Come celebrate Earth Awareness Week with Columbia County's Eco-Lady & Georgia Master Naturalist Margaret Alligood. Her goal is to remind us how water is our most fascinating, valuable, and precious natural resource.
Sat, April 21	11:30 AM	Sonic Pi Mini-Series: Make Music with Code (Part 2)	Evans Library	Your children will enjoy learning the fundamentals of computer science and programming through games and projects taught by our professional educators.
Mon April 23 & 30	10 AM-3:30 PM	Computer Boot Camp: Parts 1 & 2	Euchee Ck Library	Learn the basics of Windows including computer parts, internet safety, saving to USB Flash drive, and basic computer maintenance.
Mon, April 23	4:30 PM	Family Game Night	Euchee Ck Library	Join us for games for the whole family. No registration required.
Tues, April 24	4 PM	Teen Guitar Club	Evans Library	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.
Tues, April 24	5:30-7:30 PM	Cord Cutting	Evans Library	Gain information on options such as Hulu, Sling TV, Roku, antennas, etc. to allow you to ditch that monthly cable bill!
Wed, April 25	2-4 PM	Fiber Arts Craft & Chat	Euchee Ck Library	This group is open to all crafters: crochet, knit, loom, cross stitch, etc. Open to people who want to learn as well as those already crafty.
Thur, April 26	10:30 AM	On the Same Page Book Club	Euchee Ck Library	The April selections are <i>P.S. Be Eleven</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia and <i>A Dog's Journey</i> by W. Bruce Cameron.
Thur, April 26	4-5:30 PM	Teen Makerspace	Evans Library	Teens 13-18 use CAD software, development software, 3D scanner & printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.
Thur, April 26	5:30 PM	Intro to PowerPoint	Harlem Library	Basics of PowerPoint: a slide show, templates, and signs and handouts. Please call 706-650-5009 to register.
Thur, April 26	6 PM	Bookkeeping, Payroll, and Business Financials	Evans Library	A bookkeeping, payroll and business financial seminar is being presented by Tabitha Hollimon, MBA, EA and owner of Avail Bookkeeping and Tax Services.
Sat, April 28	7 PM	Ireland comes to Evans with John Connolly	Columbia Cty Amphitheater	Author John Connolly has written over two dozen novels including the best-selling Charlie Parker series. His most recent book <i>He: a Novel</i> , is based on the life of Stan Laurel. Connolly will discuss his writing and sign books. Books will be available for purchase through The Book Tavern. Free tickets at ccoconnolly.eventbrite.com.
Mon, April 30	4:30 PM	Your Money, Your Future	Evans Library	This program consists of ten 30-minute lessons focused for grades 7-12 covering topics such as the uses for money; how to spend, save and share; setting SMART financial goals; how to open a checking and savings account; and budgeting!

All programs are subject to change. Call your local branch for details. Evans: 706-863-1946 Euchee Ck: 706-556-0594 Harlem: 706-556-9795



## COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORNER

Do you need a safe location to conduct your CraigsList, Facebook, LetGo,Close5, 5Miles, OfferUp, Kijiji, Pinterest, Etsy, GunBroker, ArmsList, local classifieds or other face to face transactions?

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has arranged 4 locations for your use when conducting these types of transactions. Follow these guidelines to protect yourself when conducting this type of business:

 Agree to meet the buyer or seller at any one of these four locations located in Columbia County.

Columbia County Sheriff's Office Detention Center: 2273 County Camp Road, Appling, Georgia 30802

**Columbia County Sheriff's Office Substation:** 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, Georgia 30809

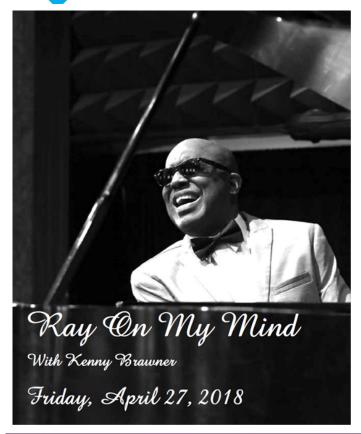
Harlem Department of Public Safety: 110 West Milledgeville Street, Harlem, Georgia 30814

Grovetown Department of Public Safety: 306 East Robinson Avenue, Grovetown, Georgia 30813

- You can meet in the parking lot or the lobby of any location.
- Personnel at these locations normally won't be involved in the transactions or oversee them.



## **UPCOMING**





FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT WWW.AUGUSTAAMUSEMENTS.COM OR CALL 706-726-0366 ALL SHOWS BEGIN AT 7:30 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE NOTED





## **UPCOMING**



# **EVANS**

**Town Center** 

## COME JOIN US! TO PLAN THE FUTURE OF EVANS TOWN CENTER TOGETHER!

The Evans Town Center Urban Design Plan is seeking input on future phases of the town center project, including:

- -Land Uses
- -Connectivity & Multi-Use Trails
- -Open Spaces

## **April 12, 2018**

- >> Drop in Work Session // 9am 4pm
- >> Public Workshop #2 // 6:30pm

**@ Evans Government Center Auditorium** 630 Ronald Reagan Dr, Building A Evans, GA 30809

visit our website: www.evanstowncenter.com

## AUGUSTA COIN CLUB 2018 SPRING SHOW

GOLD ★ SILVER ★ CURRENCY ★ TOKENS ★ MEDALS EXONUMIA ★ JEWELRY ★ COLLECTIBLES ★ SUPPLIES



FRIDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY, MAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

YN PROGRAM SATURDAY NOON

COLUMBIA COUNTY EXHIBITION CENTER
212 Partnership Drive — Grovetown, Georgia
Exit 190 on I-20, go south one block, turn left and drive straight into Exhibition Center.

RAFFLE DRAWING

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Purchase tickets from Club Members or at Registration. Sponsored by:

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